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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: James W. Shade and Thomas A. Nein  
Serial No.: 09/620,177  
Filed: July 20, 2000  
Examiner: King, B.  
Group Art Unit: 3613  
Title: **STAB JOINT COUPLING**  
Atty Docket: CTH-108

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

April 19, 2002

Box Fee Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1, 8, 21, 23, cancel claims 3-5, 15-17, 22 without prejudice or disclaimer and add new claims 25-41 as follows:

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02 FC:103

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